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SQL Server

Advanced T-SQL Querying, Programming and Tuning for SQL Server 2005 & 2008

Oct. 26-30, Bellevue, WA - Itzik Ben-Gan (Remote learning available)

Nov. 16-20, Minneapolis, MN - Itzik Ben-Gan (Remote learning available)

T-SQL Fundamentals

Nov. 30-Dec. 3, Bellevue, WA - Ron Talmage

SQL Server 2005 & 2008 Integration Services for Database Professionals

Nov. 20 - Dec. 2, Bellevue, WA - Mentor TBD

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TECH FEATURES

Wait Stats Can't Wait

In this preview of his Nov. 6 [PASS Summit Unite 2009](#) post-conference seminar, "Practical Performance Monitoring and Troubleshooting," SQL Server MVP Andrew J. Kelly says that properly analyzed, wait stats can tell you more in a short amount of time than any other statistic or counter.

[Read the interview](#)

- See what Andrew and other Solid Quality Mentors are presenting at [PASS Summit 2009](#) Nov. 2-5, and register today with **discount code EXCUST3D** for \$100 off!
- [Watch Now! 24 Hours of PASS Sessions by Andrew Kelly, Peter Myers, & Erik Veerman](#)

Now Available: *Inside Microsoft SQL Server 2008: T-SQL Programming*

This comprehensive T-SQL programming reference by Itzik Ben-Gan and coauthors Dejan Sarka, Roger Wolter, Greg Low, Ed Katibah, and Isaac Kunen gives database developers and administrators best practices, expert techniques, and code samples to master the language and solve complex problems with real-world solutions.

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SPOTLIGHT

How Healthy Is Your SQL Server System? Here's How to Know

Solid Quality Mentors provides a comprehensive Health Check service for systems using any version of SQL Server. Much more than an assessment tool, the SolidQ Health Check for SQL Server is an advanced, specialized service that protects your investment in the Microsoft Data Platform.

Like your annual physical with a trusted physician, the Health Check provides peace of mind when systems are healthy as well as clear recommendations for continued wellness, giving you the information you need to make enhancements and further investments if necessary. And if the SolidQ Health Check for SQL Server unearths any problems, our Mentors investigate to find the root causes and how to resolve them.

(Remote learning available)

Business Intelligence

Deploying, Operating, and Tuning an

Analysis Services 2008 Solution

Oct. 5-7, Minneapolis, MN - Mentor TBD (Remote learning available)

Enterprise ETL with SQL Server

Integration Services 2005 & 2008

Oct. 19-22, Minneapolis, MN - Mentor TBD (Remote learning available)

Nov. 9-12, Beaverton, OR - Mentor TBD

Microsoft BI Bootcamp: SQL Server

2008, Office System 2007 and

PerformancePoint Server 2007

Oct. 19-23, Bellevue, WA - Peter Myers (Remote learning available)

SQL Server 2008 End-to-End

Business Intelligence Workshop

Dec. 7-11, Bellevue, WA - Mentor TBD (Remote learning available)

For more information or to register for these or other courses, see the Solid Quality™ Learning [full course schedule](#).

Need a different date or to schedule any of our courses as a private class at your premises?

Contact info@solidq.com.

Testimonial

"This [SSAS course] is probably the best training I have had. Craig [Utley] was excellent and made a real effort to use examples from our database. He did a good job of telling us what we would learn, doing the lab, then teaching us what we had just learned. Really effective... The best instructor I've ever had, with the ability to transfer his knowledge to others in an effective manner."

As part of the SolidQ Health Check, we assess your entire system - hardware, operating system, SQL Server instance, and databases - and provide you with:

- A detailed report about your system's current status
- Suggested changes to system configurations for better resource utilization
- Possible security, availability, and performance risks
- Clear, customized recommendations about system upgrades that could enhance your system

[Learn more and schedule your Health Check today!](#)

TRAINING & MENTORING

Think You Can't Afford a Private SolidQ Course? Think Again!

Private classes aren't just for large companies that have lots of students taking the same course at the same time at their own facility. Solid Quality Mentors' highly valued training, provided by the top technologists and communicators in their field, is surprisingly affordable for as few as two or three students.

[Learn more!](#)

Featured Course: [SQL Server 2005 & 2008 Integration Services for Database Professionals](#)

Attention, Local User Groups: Our Mentors would love to speak at your user group meeting when they're in the area. Contact us at info@solidq.com to make arrangements.

SERVICE OFFERING

SQL Server 2008 Data Warehouse Competitive Benchmark

See how your data warehouse system measures up! Giving you an apples-to-apples cost and performance evaluation of SQL Server 2008 against your Teradata, Oracle, or DB2 data warehouse solutions, this 2-3 week benchmark uses your organization's data warehouse data, migrated to SQL Server 2008, and implemented on a scale-up SQL Server Fast Track architecture or a scale-out SQL Server Madison platform. The benchmark targets individual and concurrent query performance as well as a cost estimate comparison between SQL Server 2008 data warehouse platform and a competitive platform.

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HOT LINKS

[Jessica Moss Reports on SQL Server Reporting Services](#)

[Joe Chang: Server Hardware for 2009 Q3](#)

[Download SSAS, Data Mining Sessions from "Supporting Better Business](#)

Decisions" Road Show

SQLDownUnder Podcast: Greg Low Talks Full-Text Indexes and More with
Simon Sabin

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